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MOISTURE METER, RECORD MEDIUM RECORDING CONTROL PROGRAM

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FOR MOISTURE METER AND MOISTURE METER

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

# CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY (NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)

All of the documents listed on the appended PTO-1449 form relate to moisture sensing and controlling apparatus related to material heating and drying systems. The documents are either in the English language or an English language abstract is provided of the non-English language documents.

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## STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

English language abstracts are provided for the three Japanese patent documents listed on the appended PTO-1449 form.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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#### **U.S. Patent Documents**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Patentee/Applicant	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
	4,798,252	Jan. 1989	Knothe et al.			
	4,889,201	Dec. 1989	Oldendorf et al.			
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**Foreign Patent Documents** 

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				Class		Yes	No
	JP2194350	Jul. 1990	Japan				х
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